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SUBJECT: US POLICY DECISIONS ON HORN OF AFRICA

1. AFTER THOROUGH POLICY REVIEW OVER PAST WEEK OF HORN
POLICY, THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE SERIES OF DECISIONS.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH HOST
GOVERNMENTS AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO CONVEY
THE FOLLOWING:

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A) US WISHES TO RE-EMPHASIZE THAT THE TRANSFER OF
US-ORIGIN MILITARY SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT TO SOMALIA WITHOUT
US AUTHORIZATION WOULD BE CONTRARY TO OUR ARMS SALES
AGREEMENTS WITH ARMS-RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

B) US HAS NO OBJECTION TO THEIR SUPPLY OF NON-US-ORIGIN

WEAPONS TO SOMALIA (PARTICULARLY ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS). HOWEVER, WE WOULD EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR PRESSING SOMALIA TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OGADEN AND TO USE SUCH WEAPONS ONLY FOR THE DEFENSE OF SOMALIA, AS OPPOSED TO THE CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF THE OGADEN.

C) SHOULD "OMALIA AGREE TO ANNOUNCE AND IMPLEMENT A DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OGADEN, THE

US WOULD BE PREPARED TO INITIATE CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS TO AUTHORIZE THIRD-COUNTRY ARMS TRANSFERS OF DEFENSIVE US-ORIGIN WEAPONS TO SOMALIA FOR THE DEFENSE OF SOMALIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND TO SUPPLY SOME ITEMS OF OUR OWN (TRUCKS, ETC.).

D) FOLLOWING TO BE CONVEYED ONLY RPT ONLY IF ASKED:

IN THE EVENT OF AN INVASION OF SOMALIA, SHOULD THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION DECIDE TO DELIVER MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SOMALIA, OR TO PROVIDE AIR COVER OR OTHER UNITS TO COUNTER ETHIOPIAN OR CUBAN AIR CAPABILITY, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFSET SOVIET THREATS OR ACTIONS DIRECTED AT SUCH ASSISTANCE MEASURES.

E) FYI: FOR AMBASSADOR'S INFORMATION ONLY, NOT RPT NOT SECRET

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TO BE CONVEYED:

THERE WOULD BE A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THIRD COUNTRY ARMS TRANSFERS TO SOMALIA IN THE EVENT ETHIOPIA AIDED BY THE SOVIET UNION OR CUBA INVADES SOMALIA, EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF A SOMALI COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OGADEN.

2. FOR JIDDA: PRESIDENTIAL DECISION CALLS FOR US TO PRESENT EVIDENCE OF THE TRANSFER BY SAUDI ARABIA OF US-ORIGIN WEAPONS TO SOMALIA, TO UNDERScore OUR CONCERN ABOUT SUCH TRANSFERS AS CONTRARY TO OUR BILATERAL ARMS SALES AGREEMENTS AND AS POSING A POTENTIALLY ADVERSE IMPACT ON CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF F-15S TO SAUDI ARABIA. RECOGNIZE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY RAISED THIS MATTER WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER (JIDDA 1313). YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT SENIOR SAUDI OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF THIS EVIDENCE, OF OUR CONCERN AND OF THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS. VANCE

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